

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/993,370

Examiner

Minh Dinh

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after-final amendment filed 6/30/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 11-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 6/21/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the after-final amendment filed 06/30/2006. Claim 1 has been amended.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see the last paragraph of page 7, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-8 and 11-16 under 35 USC 101 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-8 and 11-16 has been withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The statement accompanied the IDS filed 06/21/06 does not conform to the language as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e), i.e., both conditions - (i) no item of information contained in the IDS was cited communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and (ii) no item of information contained in the IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56 (c) more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement - must apply. However, the information disclosure statement has been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-8 and 11-16 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The present invention is directed to a method for controlling loading of code modules into the process space for a trusted application using a manifest which includes one or more export statements that allows a secret associated with the application to be exported to another application. More specifically, independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct feature: each export statement comprises an identifier of the manifest, an identifier of the manifest that corresponds to the trusted application to which the secret to be exported to, and a digital signature over both identifiers. The closest prior art, Arnold (6,175,924), also discloses an application certificate that include an export statement allowing protected data associated with one application to be exported to other applications of the same family. However, Arnold does not teach that the export statement comprises an identifier of the manifest, an identifier of the manifest that corresponds to the trusted application to which the secret to be exported to, and a digital signature over both identifiers. The prior art, taken either singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of applicant's independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C 102 or 103 would

be proper. The claimed invention is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and nonobvious over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 10:00am-6:30pm.

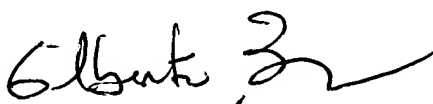
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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